

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### Events At Oaks



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

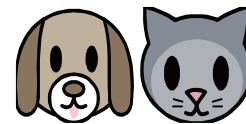
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Sunday, September 27 is indeed a special Sunday at Oaks Christian Church. This Sunday is Round-Up Sunday. We encourage all members to be present and to invite your neighbors and friends to worship on September 27. Our service will be followed by a Chili lunch that I am certain we will all enjoy. You are welcome to wear your western attire and to join in the spirit of the Round-Up. What ever your attire may be, we look forward to your presence at this service and the fellowship lunch to follow.



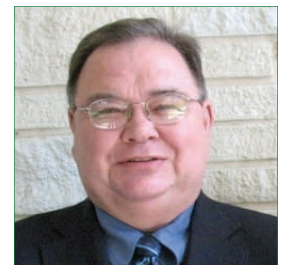
As we move into the month of October we have a very special event planned for October 4 at our 5:00 p.m. worship service. We will have a Blessing of the Animals. You are encouraged to bring your pet and have it blessed. All we ask is that you have your pet on a leash or some other way of controlling it.



Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend these special events at Oaks.

I hope to see you there.

*Reverend  
Randy Burke*



## OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009



### September Birthdays

Crystal Smith	1
Aileen Crafton	2
Tyson Davis	2
Lucas Clawson	3
Lenetta Schaper	4
Ray Winner	9
Marceil Horn	10
Amanda DuBose	18
Kandi Burke	19
Sally Johnson	20
Don Murray	24
Maydell Howard	25
Bernie Slaven	25
Betty Sullivan	25
Mark Conover	26
Bonny Sulak	27



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the

### September Anniversaries

Donald and Raynette Stanley	2
Larry and Pat Scruggs	5
Don and Billie Murray	13



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.		Church Office Closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bread Sunday Terry's Crafters 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	<b>Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Church Office Closed	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Board Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Worship Service		CWF - Love Meals	Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Church Office Closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Terry's Crafters 5:00 p.m. Worship Service		CWF - Covered Dish 6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Church Office Closed	
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3
5:00 p.m. Worship Service	Set up Rummage Sale 10:00 a.m.	CWF - Holly Hall Book Review 10:30 a.m.	Set up R. S. 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

### Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in September. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

**Church Office** - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



**Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s**  
832.729.1598 - Cell  
713.983.0717 - Home



**Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study** - Pastor Randy's ongoing Bible study will start up again September 10th, 6:30 p.m.



### Terry's Crafters

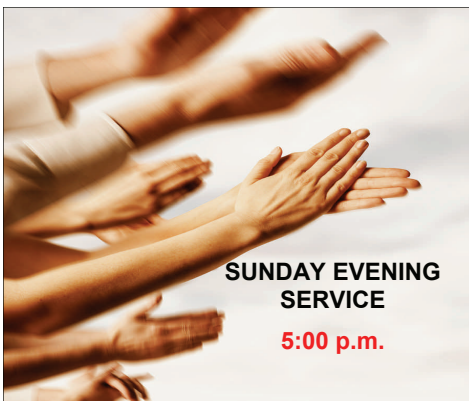
"Terry's Crafters" will meet 2:00 p.m. in Kirchner Hall September 06th and September 20th.

Upcoming October 11th and 25th.

Fall Dates:

**Rummage Sale** - Set up 28th and 30th, 10 a.m. Sale Dates Oct 1st and 2nd.

**Pie Nights** - October 19th & 20th 6:00 p.m.



## Announcements, Thank You Notes, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

**Christian Women's Fellowship** - The "Big Church Sale" (otherwise known as Rummage Sale) has been moved to **October 1 and 2** due to the difficulty in transforming Kirchner Hall from the sale to church for Sunday Service. Please continue to save items for the sale as the proceeds go to Church Finance Council and apply to our mission giving, which is not current due to the financial woes of a small church. We will not have very much storage space for items so we would appreciate you holding it till **September 27** when services would move back to the Sanctuary and we could store things on the stage. As always, we thank you for supporting all activities of the church.

### Oaks Christian to hold Community Candlelight Service, Sept 12



The community is invited to participate in the "Axis of Friendship Day" candlelight service on the Lawn of Oaks Christian Church, Saturday evening September 12th @ 7pm.

This service is to remind us of the actions of countries and their peoples following the 9/11 tragedy as they stood in silence with candles in sympathy for the US and to remind us the importance of loving our neighbors and peace with all. (Matthew 22:36-40 and (Matthew 5:44).

Please come and join all your neighbors in these few moments of solidarity with all. If you are unable to attend please light a candle and place it in a window the evening of the 12th.

Church is located at 1216 Bethlehem @ Ella.

### Thank You - Rita Brooks



I want to thank my church family for all their payers during my recuperation of my surgery. Your get well wish and cards brighten my day. Once again, thank you very much. Love, Rita Brooks

### Thank You - Ruth Conover



Many thanks to everyone who helped with Aileen's Birthday Party. Bob Simons in getting the silverware, Larry Scruggs in obtaining the table cloths and Marion Dixon who pitched in to do anything and all those who made the party a success. Thank you. Ruth Conover



### July Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of July 2009	Sunday School	Church Attendance
July 05	26	67
July 12	22	64
July 19	24	59
July 26	26	68
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>258</b>

### August Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of August 2009	Sunday School	Church Attendance
August 02	20	52
August 09	22	59
August 16	20	66
August 23	24	62
August 30	17	84
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>323</b>

### From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	June	July	August
Deposits	9,208.007	8,520.00	10,140.17
Disbursements	(11,178.99)	(11,895.94)	(14,363.29)
Difference	(1,970.92)	(3,375.94)	(4,223.12)

The shortfall each month is being funded from the Capital Improvement Fund - Year to Date we have transferred \$14, 000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Operating Fund to cover expenses.

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## Oaks Christian Church

*Bound Together in Love*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR MANNA'S  
THRIFT SHOP**

**For more information  
Contact  
(713) 686-6440**

### **Board Happenings - *Albert Green, Board Chair***

**Friendly Reminder:** There will be an Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m. and Board Meeting Sunday, after church October 11, 2009. Thank you.



**V.B.S. - Camp E.D.G.E.**  
**Exploring and Discovering God Everywhere!**  
August 9 -13, 2009





Happy 100th Birthday to  
Aileen Crafton!  
September 2, 2009

